

**Overview:**

This workshop is organized into the four cornerstones or components of building AP Vertical Teams: Coherence, Collaboration, Collegiality and Commitment. Each of the cornerstones has one or more sections dedicated to understanding the critical attributes of each of these cornerstones. In addition, there are three sections designed to serve as resources for continuing work of the AP Vertical Team after the initial workshop.

**Objectives:****First Cornerstone-Coherence****Section One: Examining the Mission of the College Board and the Advanced Placement Program**

In this section participants will:

1. Gather information on the College Board and its Advanced Placement Program.
2. Reflect on current district and/or campus plans for increasing student participation in the Advanced Placement Program.
3. Reflect on statistics on the growth of the Advanced Placement Program.

**Section Two: Understanding the Purpose and Concept of Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP)**

In this section participants will:

1. Gather information on the definition and concepts of Pre-AP.
2. Analyze the standards of selected AP Examinations to understand how academic equity and excellence can be achieved through Pre-AP.

**Second Cornerstone-Commitment****Section Three: Exploring the Potential of AP Vertical Teams**

In this section participants will:

1. Gather information on the concept of vertical teaming and its application to AP Vertical Teams.
2. Participate in a curriculum alignment exercise that can be used as an initial activity for an AP Vertical Team.
3. Analyze a content-specific visual/graphic to understand how an AP Vertical Team can integrate strategy instruction into the curriculum.